

10. (Amended) The battery-operated lighting device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the optimum operating voltage of said light bulb is substantially 9.3V DC.

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ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

A battery-operated lighting device for use with any one of several rechargeable battery packs, each battery pack having a pair of terminals and a different operating voltage. The lighting device includes a casing having first and second parts, a lighting unit including a light bulb located at the first casing part, and a battery chamber at the second casing part for receiving at least part of and locating the battery packs. The light bulb has an optimum operating voltage. A pair of electrical contacts is located in the chamber for making electrical connection with respective terminals of a battery pack located by the chamber. The casing houses an electronic voltage regulating circuit that has an input and an output in electrical connection with the contacts and the light bulb, respectively. The circuit regulates the voltage of the battery pack to substantially the optimum operating voltage of the light bulb for operating the light bulb.